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For The Record

called [REDACTED] (RAB/ISAS) today re: final disposition of the OSS ground photos - (accord my records - 402³ ft. 3 film - George thought somewhere over 500³) -

all film currently stored at [REDACTED] in the "cold room."

Docs were offered to NARS sometime ago - Geo. just rec'd answer fr. NARS last week - "NOT INTERESTED." Photos not subject to researching etc.

almost all photos were logged & receipted when rec'd from "donor." Most photos were duplicated & orig. returned to owner. Evidence in file that many not returned after failure to locate owner.

NARS has informally (will send formal memo next wk) for return of small group of films which NARS inadvertently mixed in w/ OSS collection when they returned them to us.

Agency will now offer 1st to Lib. of Congress - & then possibly to some univ. or other institution.

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1. OGC reviewing question 2,
ownership [REDACTED]

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2. Review underway with NPIC to
det. if photo are only duplicates —

3. [REDACTED]

8/15 — primary question of concern
to NARS re: with legality
of using these photos. If, as
originally promised the contributor,
that the photos will not be
published or released w/o approval
of the donor — then there is a
legal hold down on placing
photo in NARS & in public domain.
NARS wants only if they have clear
title. OGC must tell me
if original consent is still
pending.

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OSS holding
accru. memo

The 402 it show up on the
memo of Dec. 1977.

There are:
402 it film

ground
"OSS photos"

NO job order NO

417 medium boxes
20 pt negatives

labeled as:

photos, negatives & Source cards

Some
① 1439/40 opened up BS
request for all cities provide
photo in ww countries...
② rpt of source
of photo

"Inventoried" by County & in boxes
Ready for shipment to NARS 8888

what is how is collection classified?

what does "inventoried" mean?

what are the "Source cards"?

what does "ready" mean?

who determined this collection is "permanent"?

** Not previously reviewed by the
OSS review team. for declass.?

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Subj: OSS ground photos held [REDACTED]
(approx 4/7 caft)

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[REDACTED] - by phone:

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(a) This group of photos were simply sent [REDACTED] - NO retirement order and NO JPB or LOT no. on these documents

It appears these photos, negatives & source cards were "pushed down" [REDACTED] to get them out of safes at Hqs. (probably those sending the records hoped that someone would destroy them w/o further to do.)

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(b) This collection in essence consists of photographs & negatives supplied by various & sundry U.S. citizens to help the war effort. prob. around 1939/1940 US govt sent out request for photos w/jw ... indiv. U.S. citizens responded providing these photos "on loan." Each donor was provided a Receipt.

(c) Col. Tagge, NARS, has indicated interest in acquiring this collection but is concerned over ownership of the photos - i.e. does the agency own them or do they still belong to the indiv. donor? It may be necessary for the Agency to search out the old owners and offer to return the photos. This matter should be discussed with OGC

(d) NPIC does not want the collection... they have already made duplicates of those they want.

(e) Next step is ours - photos not removed & remain classified. By question is who owns these photos?

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not: f. NARS
re: ownership of
these ^{off} photos - she
has gone to OGC.

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